

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 4. Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, and 8-23 as follows:

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1. (currently amended) A method for allocating processing resources, the method using a processor coupled to a display device and to a user input device, the method comprising: displaying a list of processing resources on the display device, wherein the processing resources comprise at least one of a hardware processor and a software program; accepting signals from the user input device to indicate the configuration of ~~at least a portion~~ a selected processing resource of the processing resources; and configuring the selected processing resource.
  2. (cancelled)
  3. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, further comprising: accepting signals from the user input device to indicate first and second processors for configuration; and automatically coupling the first processor to the second processor via a digital network.
  4. (cancelled)
  5. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, further comprising accepting first signals from the user input device to indicate a processing platform to be used; accepting second signals from the user input device to indicate a software component to be installed; and automatically installing the software component onto the processing platform.
  6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the software component is a server component.

7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the software component is a client component.

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8. (currently amended) A system for providing configurable resources to achieve create a processing environment, the system comprising  
a configurable communication link;  
a plurality of processing devices coupled to the communication link; and  
a plurality of software programs coupled to the processing devices.

9. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, further comprising:  
a user interface coupled to the system; and  
a controller ~~for accepting~~ configured to accept commands from the user interface to  
configure a second system and ~~for configuring~~ configured to configure the second  
system in response to the commands.

10. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8, ~~further comprising~~  
wherein  
the system is configured to automatically managing manage licensing of a one of the  
software programs.

11. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 8, ~~further comprising~~  
wherein  
the system is configured to support visual construction of the processing environment via  
~~[[a]]~~ the user interface.

12. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 10, ~~further comprising wherein~~  
the system is configured to support remote administration of the processing environment.

13. (currently amended) A method for creating a computing environment by using a  
computer user interface, the computer user interface coupled to a display screen and to an input  
device for generating signals in response to interactions of a user, the method comprising:

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accepting a first signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a type of operating system for use in the computing environment;  
 accepting a second signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a type of processor for use within the computing environment;  
 activating an active operating system, wherein the active operating system is an operating system of the specified type to run in the computing environment; and  
 activating an active processor, wherein the active processor is a processor of the specified type to run in the computing environment.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:  
 displaying the computing environment which includes, wherein the computing environment comprises the active processor and the ~~running~~ active operating system.

15. (currently amended) In a computer network, a computer user interface system that provides one or more computing environments, the computer user interface system comprising:  
 a client, ~~and further comprising~~ wherein the client comprises  
     a processor[[]] ,  
     a browser[[]] , and,  
     a display screen; and  
 a computer user interface ~~displaying~~ displayed on the display screen, the computer user interface having instructions for selecting one or more types of processing units, operating systems and software programs[[]] , wherein  
the computer user interface is configured to, in response to user selection of a type of processing unit, ~~using~~ use the processor to direct the browser to display ~~[[the]]~~ a selected processing unit of the types of processing units which is active in the computing environment;  
the computer user interface is configured to, in response to user selection of a type of operating system, use the processor to direct ~~[[s]]~~ the browser to display ~~[[the]]~~ a selected operating system of the types of operating systems which is running in the computing environment; ~~and~~

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the computer user interface is configured to, in response to user selection of a type of software program, use the processor to direct[[s]] the browser to display [[the]] a selected software program of the types of software programs which is running in the computing environment, ~~wherein~~ the browser displays the computing environment ~~which includes~~, and the computing environment comprises the active selected processing unit, the ~~running selected~~ operating system and the ~~running selected~~ software program.

16 (currently amended) A computer user interface for ~~providing~~ creating a computing environment ~~having one or more types of processors and operating systems~~, the computer user interface comprising:

first instructions for enabling a user to specify a type of operating system from at least one type of operating system for use in the computing environment; and second instructions for enabling the user to specify a type of processor from at least one type of processor for use in the computing environment, wherein the computer user interface is configured to create the computing environment, and the computing environment comprises the at least one type of operating system and the at least one type of processor.

17. (currently amended) The computer user interface of claim 16, further comprising: [[a]] third instructions for enabling a user to specify a type of software program.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising: displaying an active software program for the computing environment in response to user selection.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising: accepting a signal ~~which~~, wherein the signal allows the user to shut down the computing environment.

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20. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:  
accepting a signal which allows the user to specify a new machine to run in the  
computing environment, ~~activating to activate~~ the new machine and ~~displaying to~~  
display the computing environment having the active machine.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:  
displaying a plurality of operating system types for selection by the user.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:  
displaying a plurality of processor types for selection by the user.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[10]]~~ 21, wherein the displaying of  
~~[[a]]~~ the plurality of operating system types occurs prior to the ~~step of~~ accepting ~~[[a]]~~ the first  
signal which enables the user to specify ~~[[a]]~~ the type of operating system.

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